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USAID Programs in 2009

Since 1992 the American people through USAID have provided over \$500 million in assistance for Kazakhstan.



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Economic Growth: USAID's work in the economic growth sector is partially funded by the Government of Kazakhstan, under the joint Program for Economic Development. USAID helps strengthen the budget and public sector audit processes by improving monetary and competition policies (Bearing Point), supports Kazakhstan's accession to the WTO, works on reducing trade barriers relating to transport, transit, border crossing, and customs clearance, and facilitates access of businesses to market information within and beyond Central Asia. Energy sector assistance is helping establish a transparent, competitive energy market, increase electricity trade, and introduce market-based solutions for disputes on hydroelectricity facilities and reservoirs (US Energy Association). To improve operating environment for businesses, USAID helps reduce regulatory and administrative constraints for SMEs through dialog between the government and the private sector. USAID also helps expand access to credit and strengthen microfinance institutions by introducing best practices in the sector (ACDI/VOCA).

Investing in People: USAID's primary healthcare program is helping Kazakhstan to reform its health system to ensure utilization of high quality primary health care services. It focuses on improving the quality of maternal, child, and reproductive health services. Technical and other assistance support the country's endeavors to control infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB), including efforts to reduce the spread of multi-drug resistant TB. USAID also supports the Government of Kazakhstan in its battle against the threat of avian influenza. Principal contractors/grantees: Abt Associates; John Snow, Inc.; Project HOPE; Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI); KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation.

Governing Justly and Democratically: USAID's programs help build a democratic culture through support for civil society, independent media, the development of political parties, and the protection of human rights. These programs are implemented by PACT/ICNL, Internews, IREX, Counterpart, NDI, IRI, and Freedom House. Through a program that is co-funded by the Kazakh Supreme Court, USAID helps improve judicial transparency (Chemonics). Practical training opportunities in the United States are provided for business and professional organization leaders (World Learning). USAID also brings together the best of civil society and the Government of Kazakhstan to form a peer partnership that is identifying reforms that will bring about real change in a variety of areas – including human rights, rule of law, and the environment (Counterpart and Freedom House).